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I WISH I WAS AN EDITOR.

I wish I was an editor—
I really do indeed.
I have seen things that
I have never seen before.
I have seen the biggest and the best
Of everything that grows.
And get in free to circus
And other kind of shows.
And when a man's mouth is out,
They always are a lie.
For saying Mrs. Smith knows how
To make it very nice.
The largest pumpkin, longest beet,
And other garden stuff.
I know how to speak to them,
An editorial puff.
The biggest bug will speak to them,
They can't be a lie.
At Ladies' Fairs they're almost hugged
By pretty girls, young men.
They may crack up everything
The ladies have to show.
And thus they get a blow-out free
At every party feed.
The reason is—because they write,
And other people read.

HUMOROUS.

A wise saw is the saw, all the teeth
Of which are wisdom teeth.

Doctor: "John, did Mrs. Green get
the medicine I ordered?"

Druggist's Clerk: "I guess so, for I saw
craps on the door this morning."

"Husband, I wish you had some
change to-day." "Well, stay at home
and take care of the children; that will
be change enough anyhow."

A popular writer says it is not the
drinking, but the getting sober, that is so
terrible in a drunkard's life. Some per-
sons never get sober.

"Sonny, dear," said a fond mother,
"you have a dirty face." "Can't help it,
mam, dad's a Black-Republican, you
know."

"Do you like beads, Maria?" said
Arabella. "Well, I don't know, Bell,
replicated Amelia; 'it's a funny question.
But I must say a bead does make a splen-
did sauce to a kias."

An ark is now being built by a
man at Shields, in anticipation of the
next flood—of tears, shed by his wife
when he refuses to buy her a new gown.
He thinks he can weather the storm.

"So, did you see Mr. Jenkins,
the new overseer?" "Yes, massa, I met
him down by the cotton-gin." "He's a
good-looking fellow, isn't he?" "Well,
mam, sa, he talks like a good-looking man—
he made a bow, dat all he said."

A runaway thief having applied to
a blacksmith for work, the latter showed
some hand-cuffs and desired to know if
he made such kind of work. "Why yes,
sir," said the fellow, scratching his pate,
"guess I've had a hand in 'em."

Next to the wonder how the milk
got into the cocoanut came George the
Third's marvel how the apple got into the
dumpling. This has been succeeded by
the question why white ashes should
come from coal, when coal is so deuced
black?

An Irish housemaid, who was sent
to call a gentleman to dinner, found him
engaged in using a tooth-brush. "Well,
Mary, he is coming?" said the lady of the
house, as the servant returned. "Yes,
mam, directly," was the laconic reply,
"he's sharpening his teeth."

A fellow was arrested for stealing
ducks, and after a description of them,
the counsel for the prisoner said, "Why,
they can't be such a rare breed, for I have
some of them in my own yard." "Very
likely," said the complainant; "I have
lost a good many ducks lately."

At a late public meeting, the fol-
lowing "dry" toast was given, the author
of which got "battered" when he reached
home:

"The Press, the Pulpit and the Petticoat—
the three Ruling Powers of the day. The
first spreads knowledge, the second spreads
morals, and the last spreads considerably."

On a certain occasion, when Charles
II was dining in state, he made Gram-
mont the remark that he was served upon
the knee, a token of respect not common
at other courts. "I thank your Majesty
for the explanation," answered Grammont;
"I thought they were begging pardon for
giving you so bad a dinner."

"There is no humbug about these
sardines," said Brown, as he helped him-
self to a third plateful from a newly-
opened box; "they are the genuine arti-
cle, and came all the way from the
Mediterranean."

"Yes," replied his economical wife,
"and if you would only control your appe-
tite a little, they will go a great deal
further."

Brown didn't ask for any more.

A man praising porter, said it was
so excellent a beverage, that though taken
in great quantities, it always made him
fat.

"I have seen the time when it made
you lean."

"When? I should be glad to know,"
said the eulogist.

"Why, no longer since than last night—
against the wall."

A soldier once ventured, in the
presence of the whole army, to present
with an air of complaint, to Charles XII,
of Sweden, a piece of bread that was
black and mouldy, made of barley and
oats, which was the only food they then
had, and of which they had not even a
sufficiency. The king received the bread,
and without the least emotion ate every
morsel of it; then coolly said to the
soldier: "It is not good—but it may be
eaten."

Twenty or twenty-five years ago
old Phleg, up in Madison County, was
telling his friend Jones consarnin of a
fight. Phleg had a very little education,
but Jones was a man of right smart read-
ing. So Phleg went on telling, "and,"
says he, "they fit and fit!"

"And," says Jones, with a knowing
look, "did they keep a fitin'?"

Old Phleg drew himself up, and look-
ing as sour as butter milk into Jones's face,
says he:

"You recussed precise about langwe-
four, then, blint you!"

A good story is told of an Irish
outlaw, who was sent to the stable to
bring out a traveler's horse. Not know-
ing which of the two strange horses in
the stable belonged to the traveler, and
wishing to avoid the appearance of igno-
rance in his business, he saddled both
animals and brought them to the door.
The traveler pointed out his own horse
saying, "That's my nag." "Certainly,"
says he, "I know that very well, but I
didn't know which was the other gen-
tle-man's."

A Thundering Lie.

Davidson College, North Carolina, con-
tributes a good story of a man with a very
bad habit. As it is all about lying, the
reader may believe it or not, as he likes.

In the old North State lives a certain
John Long, who draws a long bow when
he has anything to tell, and his character
for truth and veracity has been below
zero for many years. Captain Johnson
had been so taken in by one of John's
outrageous stories, that he said to him in
a pet:

"If you make me believe one of your
lies again in a month, I will give you fifty
dollars."

"John pretended to be hurt by the
offer, and went off. A few days after he
was riding by the captain's post-horse, on
horseback, when the captain called out to
him:

"I say! hello Johnny! stop and tell us
a lie or two this morning!"

John rode on, but cried out most dole-
fully:

"No time for lying now; brother Jimmy
has just been killed in the machine, and
I'm going for the old folks." On he went.

Captain Johnson ordered his horse, and
rode over to see the dead man, and after
his services, but found him alive and
well, gaining cotton, and in no danger of
the machine. Just then John rode up
and claimed the fifty dollars.

The captain declared it was a rascally trick,
but he would have had to pay the money
if John had not let him off.

ALL THE DIFFERENCE.—Young gent,
(who has trodden upon lady's toes in
getting out of the omnibus)—"I beg your
pardon, madam, I could not help it, I
assure you."

Young lady (in blam'nt manner possi-
ble)—"Oh, don't make any apology, sir, I
beg; it was my fault entirely."

Fame young lady (whose dress has been
stepped upon by a pretty girl about to
alight)—"I wish that some people would
keep their eyes open, and be more careful
when they are passing other people."

LIGHTS AND LIVERS.—Lord Cockburn,
when at the bar, was pleading in a steam-
boat collision case. The case turned on
the fact of one of the vessels carrying no
light, which was the cause of the acci-
dent. Cockburn insisting on this, wound
up his argument with this remark, "In
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